

## Men`s Tournament Report

The 2052/26 year like the previous 2 years continued to grow in popularity with numbers across nearly all tournaments increasing.

The overall numbers in both men and woman`s events increasing pairs, this has resulted in adding another day to the 1-5 singles and 7`s events.

With the continuation of live scoring the interest in the results is growing, we also progressed to printing score cards for each event which has lessened the workload, and having the names on the cards is a big bonus

Thank you to all our sponsor`s, umpire`s, marker`s, clubs, live scorer`s and anyone else I may have missed for their help in running these tournaments.

Ian Clouston

Tournament Secretary.

### **TOURNAMENT SECRETARY`S REPORT (Women)**

It was a difficult year for scheduling as we had a green at both Clyde and Alexandra out of commission but with the help and support of both other clubs and the players we managed to get all events played on schedule.

The weather was mostly accommodating and this year no event had to be cancelled or extended due to rain, although it was a close call on one occasion.

The season itself was very pleasing. It was noted that a lot of juniors took part in the events, my thanks to those seniors who encouraged them to enter and then supported these new players. I believe that this was partly the reason numbers at tournaments were up.

Long hard fought games were a feature at many events this season and it would have been a very brave person indeed to have tried to predict the outcome of many of these games.

Thanks need to be extended to all the clubs who hosted Centre Events, the green keepers who work tirelessly throughout the season to have the greens prepared, the publicity officials who keep us all informed, the kitchen staff who look after us and all those who work quietly behind the scenes to ensure every thing runs smoothly. Your work is appreciated.

Angela Wilson

## **Central Otago Bowls 2025-26 Senior Men's AGM Report**

An initial squad of 20 players were selected for the season's representative programme. A pre-season meeting was held with the selectors and players to outline the goals and expectations for the season. Through personal circumstance 3 players subsequently withdrew from the squad.

The first fixture against Southland was held in difficult conditions in Invercargill. There were a number of players who were unavailable which was unfortunate, however, this gave the opportunity for 2 development players to experience an event at the senior level. The final result was Southland 6.5 wins, Central Otago 5.5 wins.

It is timely to place greater importance on this event, rather than it be seen as an early season trot out for potential rep players. I have suggested to Bowl Southland that this can be achieved by proposing that the senior men's team be reduced to 9 players (rather than 14 at present) and played under the same format as our other representative fixtures, namely 1 x singles, 2 x pairs and 1 x fours. Southland Bowls have initially indicated that they are reluctant to change. Further discussions need to be held.

Our second fixture was the Southern 6's held in Dunedin. Unfortunately, the weather conditions once again played a major part with the first round being played on artificial and the remaining rounds over the weekend played on the indoor surface. We didn't perform to our expectations and finished a disappointing 5th, however there were a number of learnings taken from this event.

The Super 6's was held in Christchurch in February with the team putting in a pleasing performance finishing second overall. All available squad members played in either or both of the Southern 6's and Super 6's which was valuable when selecting our inter-centre team.

Finally, the National Inter-centre event which was played in Auckland. We were in a relatively tough section which is determined by the centres that qualified for quarter finals at the previous years' event. This will remain the same until we can make the playoff stage. We finished fourth in the section. Watching the centres in the semi-finals and finals was a good reality check for us, as it identified the level that we need to perform at, to be successful in this tournament. Post event each of the players provided valuable feedback that will be used in the planning process going forward.

Many thanks to the following who have provided support throughout the season:

Pauline Seaton – Amazing logistical arrangements and planning, surrounding our rep fixtures

Peter Dunne – Fellow selector

Richard Morgan – Fellow selector and team manager

The Board of Central Otago Bowls

Aotearoa Gaming Trust – Grant to support inter-centre travel and accommodation

The Players – Commitment, dedication and overall camaraderie

**Terry Scott**

**Senior Selector/Coach**

## 2025.2026 Central Otago Bowls Men's Development Squad (Years 1-10) AGM Annual Report

Twenty-six players were originally named in the squad. As applied in the previous year, an attempt was made to have at least one player from each member club included in the squad. The players were eventually drawn from 10 of the 11 clubs west of Maniatoto and two from that sub-centre. Seven further players were then added for the new, end of season Year 1-5 fixture against Southland.

Pre-season fixtures, Years 1-10, were once again played against Dunedin, Southland and South Otago in addition to the new Year 1-5 fixture against Southland.

In total, 18 players were involved in the three Year 1-10 pre-season fixtures prior to nine players being selected to represent Central Otago in the Southern 6 competition at the end of January. From a competition perspective, winning the Southern 6 is the key goal for the season. This was achieved in the previous season.

In 2026 the Southern 6 was hosted in Dunedin and it was severely disrupted by inclement weather. The host centre adapted accordingly, and the competition was able to be completed within the original timeframe. After a poor start in the first two fixtures, Central Otago played well in the last three to finish a close third overall. The highlight was a clean sweep against Southland in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round.

Establishing the Year 1-5 fixture against Southland was clearly a highlight of the season. Seven new players were introduced to inter-centre fixtures and feedback indicated they very much thrived on the experience. We are keen, as are Southland, to continue the initiative.

My sincere thanks are extended to my fellow selectors, Terry Scott and Richard Morgan, in addition to Pauline Seaton, for all her excellent administrative work behind the scenes. I would also like to recognize the assistance provided by the club coaches involved in the early formation of the squad and any work they do with those club members behind the scenes.

Finally, to all the players involved over 2025/2026, thank you for your efforts. It continues to be a pleasure and learning experience for me in working with you. There are things I take for granted that others don't. We are all different, so adjustments need to be made. It is not always the strongest or most intelligent that survive but those who embrace change the best.

Peter Dunne  
Coach/Manager

## Annual Publicity Report for Central Otago Bowls Inc 2026 Prepared by Barbara Wilson 3 June 2026









**Wix website** has a large capacity and performing well. AI has taken over a lot of the performance reports hence they offer different information from last year. The clubs page has now been finished with more detail and up to date photos about most of our 16 clubs.

📅 Last 365 days (Jun 4, 2025 - Today) ▾

Page path ⓘ	Page views ↓	Site sessions ⓘ	Unique visitors ⓘ
Summary	38,988	20,506	3,450
/bowls-hub-all-about	16,873	13,678	1,438
/	11,684	9,287	1,499
/calendar	2,179	1,929	654
/tournaments25-26	1,159	957	434
/rep-events-25-26	892	788	492
/news	584	511	253
/clubs	566	519	368

### Facebook

Continues a strong contact with followers now at 1k. Top posts for year as follows....

Posts and stories		Media type	Filter	Search by ID or caption					
Title					Reach	Viewers	Interactions	Likes and reactions	Comments
 Best Wishes to Pauline Seaton. On Saturda... Photo • Bowls Central Otago	Boost	...	9,417	9,390	271	217	52		
 Congratulations to our finalists in the S&R ... Photo • Bowls Central Otago	Boost	...	7,730	7,979	149	90	57		
 Flying Away...Congratulations Pauline Sea... Photo • Bowls Central Otago	Boost	...	6,952	6,537	182	107	70		
 Congratulations the finalists in the women... Photo • Bowls Central Otago	Boost	...	5,605	5,377	114	86	26		
 Finalists from the Arvida Country Club 1-5 ... Multi media • Bowls Central Otago	Boost	...	5,520	5,361	70	59	11		
 Congratulation the finalists in the Flooring ... Photo • Bowls Central Otago	Boost	...	5,469	5,229	115	68	47		
 Congratulations are men's development te... Photo • Bowls Central Otago	Boost	...	5,331	5,381	41	37	2		
 Zone 6 Womens Central Otago teams play... Multi media • Bowls Central Otago	Boost	...	5,177	4,875	88	77	10		

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## **Umpires Report**

### **For the Year Ended 30 April 2026**

This year we welcomed Maureen Vuki (Ranfurly) as our newest Central Otago Umpire. Maureen completed the National Online Laws Course and subsequently passed her measuring exam. Several umpires also successfully reaccredited as Level 1 Umpires. All our 22 Central Otago Umpires have up-to-date accreditations. Congratulations everyone.

Our Tournament numbers increased during the season which resulted in games being spread over multiple greens. Resources were stretched, sometime at very short notice. Thank you to everyone who supported us. We were able to field officials at every Zone 6, Centre Tournament and Championship event. This is not always the case nationally where some Centres only able to allocate Umpires to Post Section events. Well done Central Otago.

We are now able to input results from our individual phones. This makes it much easier for Tournament Officials and Umpires who can now enter results on the green, as games finish. Live scoring continues to grow in popularity. Thank you to spectators who helped livescore post section events during the season.

The Umpires Database has now been fully migrated to Bowls Hub and Umpires will receive notifications, direct from Bowls Hub, six months before they are due to reaccredit. This is an amazing achievement as historically the database was maintained in excel spreadsheets. Bowls Hub 2 will have much more functionality for maintaining our Umpires database. We are working towards our Umpires being able to enter their Log Book directly into Bowls Hub.

As fuel prices escalate, we are mindful about the cost of travel for our officials. These volunteers are essential for the smooth running of all our events. We are always looking at ways to streamline the organisational structure of events.

The Umpires/Coaches Tournament was postponed for the 2025/26 season. We intend to hold a bigger and brighter tournament during the 2026/27 season. This tournament is the main fundraising event for our Umpires and Coaches. Look out for details of this in the New Year.

Once again, thank you to all our officials who supported our Centre events. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Pauline Seaton  
Convenor Central Otago Umpires